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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A method for activating an object for highlighting during display of a presentation in a window, the object occupying a portion of the presentation displayed in the window, the method comprising the steps of:

recognizing the speaking of an activation word ~~capable of being spoken, the activation word~~ associated with the object ~~and~~ an activation link being associated with the object;

invoking the activation link associated with the object when the activation word is recognized, ~~wherein the activation link includes:~~

taking an activation action taken associated with the activation link when the activation link is invoked ~~the activation action associated with the highlighting;~~ and

generating modified display data associated with the presentation when the activation action is taken;

wherein the modified display data includes highlighting of the portion of the window in which the object is displayed in the presentation.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of preparing the presentation for highlighting including:

designating a portion of the presentation as the object for highlighting by associating the designated portion with the activation link;

designating the activation word associated with the activation link;
and

designating the activation action associated with the activation link and the highlighting.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the activation action includes substitution of the designated portion with another object.

4. (Original) The method claim 2, wherein the activation action includes activating a multimedia object associated with the designated portion.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the activation action includes changing a background color associated with the designated portion.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the activation action includes applying a graphic effect to the designated portion.

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7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for activating an object for highlighting during display of a presentation in a window, the object occupying a portion of the presentation displayed in the window, the apparatus comprising:

- a processor;
- a sound transducer coupled to the processor; and
- a memory associated with the processor and the sound transducer, the memory for storing instructions for causing the processor to:
 - recognize an activation word ~~capable of~~ being spoken into the sound transducer, the activation word associated with the object ~~and~~ an activation link being associated with the object;
 - invoke the activation link associated with the object when the activation word is recognized, ~~wherein the activation link includes:~~
 - taking an activation action taken associated with the activation link when the activation link is invoked ~~the activation action associated with the highlighting;~~ and
 - generate modified display data associated with the presentation when the activation action is taken;
 - wherein the modified display data includes highlighting of the portion of the window in which the object is displayed in the presentation.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the activation action includes substitution of the designated portion with another object.

9. (Original) The apparatus claim 7, wherein the activation action includes activating a multimedia object associated with the designated portion.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the activation action includes changing a background color associated with the designated portion.

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11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the activation action includes applying a graphic effect to the designated portion.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for activating an object for highlighting during a presentation, the apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a voice recognition module coupled to the processor, the voice recognition module for recognizing an activation word ~~capable of being~~ spoken into a sound transducer associated ~~therewith~~ with the voice recognition module, the activation word associated with the object and an activation link; and

a memory associated with the processor and the voice recognition module, the memory for storing instructions for causing the processor to:

invoke the activation link associated with the object when the activation word is recognized, ~~wherein the activation link includes:~~

taking an activation action taken associated with the activation link when the activation link is invoked ~~the activation action associated with the highlighting~~; and

generate modified display data associated with the presentation when the activation action is taken;

wherein the modified display data includes highlighting of the portion of the window in which the object is displayed in the presentation.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the activation action includes substitution of the designated portion with another object.

14. (Original) The apparatus claim 12, wherein the activation action includes activating a multimedia object associated with the designated portion.

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15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the activation action includes changing a background color associated with the designated portion.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the activation action includes applying a graphic effect to the designated portion.

17. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the highlighting applied to the portion of the window in which the object is displayed distinguishes the portion of the window from another portion of the window.

18. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the highlighting applied to the portion of the window in which the object is displayed, and the highlighting is not applied to portions of the window in which the object is not displayed.

19. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the window on which the presentation is displayed comprises a plurality of portions, each portion of the plurality of portions having an object of the presentation.

20. (New) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising generating the presentation displayed in the window by a computer using presentation software.

21. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the object comprises at least one word displayed in the window displaying the presentation.